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## IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants have submitted a new complete claim set.

Please amend claim 2 as noted below.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

applying, to a tissue surface internally of a mammal, an initially entirely fluent, pre-polymeric material, the pre-polymeric material comprising at least one therapeutic agent, the pre-polymeric material being activatable to a non-fluent, polymeric condition; and

polymerizing the pre-polymeric material on the tissue surface <u>by applying heat</u> and/or radiation to form thereon a layer of polymeric, non-fluent material.

- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises heating the pre-polymeric material.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises cooling the pre-polymeric material.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises mechanically deforming the pre-polymeric material.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises chemically reacting the pre-polymeric material.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises cross-linking the pre-polymeric material.

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8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymerizing step comprises applying radiation to the pre-polymeric material.

- 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric, non-fluent material is biodegradable.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material comprises at least one of a carboxylic acid, a polyurethane, a polyester, a polyamide, a polyphosphazine, a polylactone, a polyanhydride, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, ethylene vinyl acetate, delta-valerolactone, and p-dioxanone.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material comprises polycaprolactone.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue is cardiac tissue.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue is muscle tissue.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue has a hollow geometry.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the tissue is a blood vessel.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises a growth factor.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises an anti-thrombotic agent.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the anti-thrombotic agent comprises prostacyclin.

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19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the anti-thrombotic agent comprises a salicylate.

- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises a thrombolytic agent.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the thrombolytic agent comprises streptokinase.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the thrombolytic agent is urokinase.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the thrombolytic agent comprises tissue plasminogen activator.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the thrombolytic agent comprises anisoylated plasminogen-streptokinase activator complex.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises a vasodilating agent.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the vasodilating agent comprises a nitrate.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the vasodilating agent comprises a calcium channel blocker.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises an anti-proliferative agent.

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29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the anti-proliferative agent comprises colchicine.

- 30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the anti-proliferative agent comprises an alkylating agent.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises an intercalating agent.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises a growth modulating factor.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the growth modulating factor comprises an interleukin.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the growth modulating factor comprises transformation growth factor beta.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the growth modulating factor comprises a congener of a platelet derived growth factor.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises a monoclonal antibody.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent comprises an anti-inflammatory agent.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the anti-inflammatory agent is steroidal.

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39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the anti-inflammatory agent is non-steroidal.

- 40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is able to modulate vessel tone.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is able to modulate arteriosclerosis.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic agent is able to modulate the healing response of the tissue surface.